

and the Book of Laws, with the Acts pass'd the two last Assemblies, Entred, Examined and Attested, according to the Direction of the Act of Assembly. We likewise find the Commission of the Provincial Justices, with *Dedimus Potestatem*, dated 31st Day of *August* 1738, which your Committee conceive the Justices of the said Court now Act under, Recorded in *Liber E. I. N^o 5. fol. 1.* and likewise Entry made therein of the Justices having taken the several Oaths to the Government, and also the Oath of Judge and Justice of the Provincial Court, and which latter Oath the Clerk has informed your Committee is the same Oath as directed by an Act, entituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Form of the Oath of Judge or Justice.*

We further find a Record Book for Recording Deeds and Conveyances carried up to this Instant *June*: And likewise, that the Office is in good Order, the several Books and Papers being regularly placed in Apartments lately Erected.

Your Committee likewise find, upon Examination of one of the Clerks of the said Office, that they Demand their Fees in the said Office by virtue of his Lordship's Proclamation, and for which they take Bonds of some Persons; one of which Bonds is in the following Words, *viz.*

Maryland, ff. **K** Now all Men by these Presents, that we *Robert Hopkins* and *Nicholas Benson* of *Talbot County*, are Held and firmly Bound unto *Edmund Fenings*, Esq; Secretary of the Province of *Maryland*, in the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds of good found Merchantable Tobacco, to be paid to the said *Edmund Fenings* his Executors, Administrators and Assigns: To the which Payment well and truly to be made, we do hereby bind our selves, and each of us, our and each of our Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals, and dated this 8th Day of *April*, 1741.

THE Condition of the above Obligation is such, that if the above Bound *Robert Hopkins*, do and shall from Time to Time, Pay or cause to be Paid to the above named *Edmund Fenings*, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, all Fees which hereafter shall be due to the said *Edmund Fenings*, as Secretary of this Province, in two Causes between the Lord Proprietary, at the request of the said *Robert Hopkins*, Plaintiff, and *Thomas Hopkins* and *Francis Armstrong*, Defendants, in the Provincial Court, according to the Regulation made by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary in Council the 14th Day of *April*, 1733; or before the 10th Day of *May*, after the same shall be Demanded; then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full Force and Virtue in Law. But if Default be made in